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February 13, 1981

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-13

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RE-ALLOCATION OF IHSS FUNDS, FY 1980/81

REFERENCE:

During Fiscal Year 1979/80, counties were allocated a total of \$201,626,495 in IHSS Program costs. However, expenditures submitted to date for that same period were only \$191,548,112. This year, DSS has allocated \$216,417,667 to counties for the IHSS Program; this represents a 12.9 percent increase over the 1979/80 expenditures. In addition, we have an additional \$8,129,868 reserved to cover caseload increases and other unanticipated costs of the program.

Current estimates indicate that the available funding for the IHSS Program will be sufficient on a statewide basis. However, since added state or federal funds are not anticipated during this fiscal year, all counties should be particularly careful in their management of IHSS during the coming months. Counties should insure that all IHSS costs are essential to meet their IHSS Program responsibilities. Actions which might be considered include: 1) review of any authorizations for increases in awarded hours; 2) avoiding any nonmandatory provider wage increases; 3) avoiding changes in the delivery methods which might increase costs; and 4) full exploration of alternate IHSS resources.

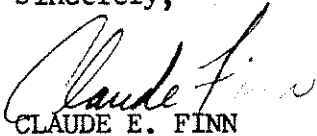
The Department does not intend to allocate the \$8,129,868 nor reallocate any anticipated surpluses in funds already allocated until after the December 1980 claims are audited and approved. This will be approximately April 1981.

If a county feels that it will be unable to limit 1980/81 IHSS costs to the allocation provided in All-County Letter No. 80-70, requests for additional funds may be sent to the Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau. Any requests for additional funds must be accompanied by detail sufficient to show how the total projected costs for 1980/81 were computed. Prior to approving any funds the data on cost computations may be reviewed in the field by our Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau field staff.

If a county is projecting a surplus in the IHSS Program for 1980/81, please notify the Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau so that these funds may also be available for reallocation.

If there are questions on your allocation, please contact Carolyn Moore at (916) 323-0270 or Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau at (916) 445-7046.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Claude E. Finn".

CLAUDE E. FINN
Deputy Director
Administration

cc: CWDA